

# CODE COMPLIANCE



**CITY OF  
MESA**

*Great People, Quality Service!*

***Neatly kept homes and yards provide a safe, attractive neighborhood and help maintain property values. Owners and residents are responsible for property maintenance, as well as the maintenance of sidewalks, alleys and other public places bordering their property.***

## **YARD & ALLEY MAINTENANCE**



Overgrown weeds, shrubs, trees, grass and vegetation are fire and safety hazards. Property must be kept free of weeds and grass more than 9

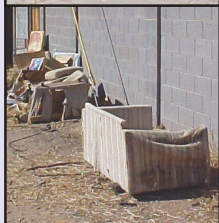
inches tall. Trim tree branches or shrubs that extend over sidewalks, streets, alleys or other public places so they do not obstruct vision or the travel of drivers or pedestrians. All dead or dry trees and vegetation must be removed and disposed of properly.

## **OUTSIDE STORAGE, JUNK & GARBAGE**



Junk, garbage or an accumulation of materials cannot be stored where it is visible beyond property boundaries.

This includes auto parts, appliances, indoor furniture, building or landscape material, scrap lumber, tires, cardboard, plastic, paper etc. Materials must be stored in a building or structure, or screened by a lawful fence so as not to be visible from prop-



erty boundaries. Sidewalks, alleys and all public places bordering your property must also be kept clear and free of junk and garbage.

Above: Items must be removed and disposed of properly. You may call the City of Mesa Solid Waste Division at (480) 644-2688 to schedule a pick up or dispose of the materials properly yourself.

## FENCING



A fence, screen wall or retaining wall must be in good repair and structurally sound.

Fencing must be self-supporting and constructed of durable

wood, chain link, metal, masonry or other standard fencing material. Fencing materials, colors and finishes must be consistent or compatible with materials, colors and finishes on the same fence or wall. Electric fences are illegal. It is also illegal to attach glass, nails, metal or materials that can cause injury.

## GRAFFITI



It is the responsibility of the owner or resident to remove graffiti from buildings, structures or fences on their property.

Call the Graffiti Hotline at

(480) 644-3083 for help.

## PARKING



It is unlawful to park or store any motor vehicle within the front or side yard of a single residence unless it is parked or stored on an improved,

dust-proof parking surface. An improved, dust-proof parking surface is concrete, asphalt or 3 inches of crushed rock surrounded by a permanent border.

Such parking may not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the front yard area. All vehicles parked in the front yard must have current registration displayed.

Above: To be in compliance, this property owner must park the vehicle on the driveway (or street, if allowed) or provide an improved, dust-proof surface adjacent to the driveway.

## INOPERABLE VEHICLES



Inoperable vehicles being re-stored or repaired for longer than ten (10) days must be stored safely within a lawfully enclosed building or structure or screened by a lawful fence so as not to be visible beyond the property boundaries. Car covers or tarps are not acceptable methods of screening. Contact the Mesa Police Department at (480) 644-2211 for inoperable vehicles parked in the street.

Above: To be in compliance, the vehicle must be repaired within ten (10) days or lawfully screened from view.

## RECREATIONAL VEHICLES



An RV can be parked (for loading, unloading, cleaning etc.) in the driveway for a maximum of 72 hours, or on a public street for up to 48 hours.



RVs may be stored in the rear yard or in the side yard behind the front face of the house. If your RV is over 6-feet tall and stored in the side yard, it must be screened by a 6-foot fence that cannot be readily seen through. Your Covenants Conditions & Restrictions (CC&Rs) may impose other restrictions on RVs and parking. An RV cannot be used

for living quarters, business purposes or be connected to utilities. Contact the Mesa Police Department at (480) 644-2211 for RVs parked in the street.

Top: This recreational vehicle (over 6-feet tall) must be stored in the rear yard, or in the side yard behind a 6-foot fence that cannot be readily seen through, or removed from the property.

Middle: This travel trailer must be stored in the rear or side yard. Since it is less than 6-feet tall, it does not need to be screened by a fence.

Bottom: This vehicle is lawfully stored behind a 6-foot fence that is not readily seen through.



# BOATS & UTILITY TRAILERS



Boats, utility trailers, and non-vehicle mounted camper shells need to be stored inside a garage, in the rear yard, or in the side yard or carport behind the front face of the house. If it is over 6-feet tall and stored in the side yard, the boat, utility trailer or non-vehicle mounted camper shell must be screened by a 6-foot fence that cannot be readily seen through.

Above: To be in compliance, this boat (more than 6-feet tall) must be stored in the rear yard, or in the side yard behind a 6-foot fence that cannot be readily seen through, or removed from the property.

# EXTERIOR HOUSING MAINTENANCE



The exterior housing maintenance ordinance, or “housing code,” requires that homes and other exterior structures be maintained in a structurally sound condition and not show deterioration, disrepair or blight.

These items are covered by the housing code and should be maintained: ex-

terior windows and doors, canopies and metal awnings, roofs, exhaust ducts, chimneys, painted surfaces, window screening, fences and walls, foundations, cooling devices, outdoor stairs, porches and railings, and yards and landscaping.

**This is only a summary of Public Nuisances, Property Maintenance and Neighborhood Preservation ordinances and is not all inclusive of City ordinances.**

Code Compliance is a division of the City of Mesa's Neighborhood Services Department. The Code Compliance Division is dedicated to providing superior services to Mesa residents, businesses and visitors through innovation, education and enforcement, while fostering community pride.

We appreciate your help in maintaining our neighborhoods with pride. By working together, we will keep Mesa beautiful and ensure that Mesa is the community of choice.

Code Compliance officers may begin enforcement based on citizen complaints or field personnel observations. This provides an opportunity to educate residents about the ordinances. If you would like to report a violation, please call Code Compliance at (480) 644-2061. Visit our Web site at [www.ci.mesa.az.us](http://www.ci.mesa.az.us): click on Neighborhood Services, then Code Compliance.

Other programs offered by the Code Compliance Division:

- Tool Lending Program
- Code Repair Program
- Alley Clean Up Program

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

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